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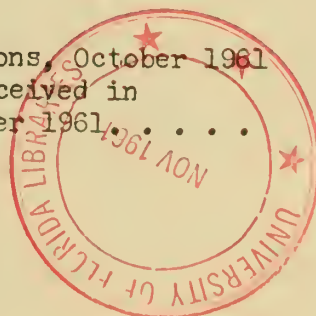
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Cattle receipts were further curtailed as all markets were closed for Thanksgiving. Consequently, supplies at the 12 markets were twelve percent below the relatively small volume of the previous week. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 75¢ higher over the Corn Belt with most advance on high-Good to Prime offerings. Cows were uneven but generally steady to 25¢ higher. Feeder cattle and calves were steady to strong at most midwest centers. Barrows and gilts advanced late to close 25-75¢ higher for the week, sows were steady to 50¢ higher. Slaughter lambs were strong to \$1.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - The general level of fed cattle prices reached new highs since last spring. Small receipts for the second consecutive week and higher wholesale dressed beef prices contributed to measurably higher prices for slaughter steers and heifers grading high-Good to Prime. Closing prices on such cattle were unevenly steady to 75¢ higher, mostly 25-50¢ higher. Standard to average-Good steers and heifers held mainly steady. Thus, the price spread between grades of slaughter cattle, which earlier this year was the narrowest in 15 years, became the widest since last spring. Twelve market cattle receipts at 184,000 were fully 12 percent smaller than the previous week when receipts were the smallest for a full marketing week in more than three months. Cows sold steady at several points, but were strong to 25¢ higher at Omaha and Sioux City, strong to 50¢ higher at St. Joseph, while the trend was steady to 25¢ lower at Chicago and 50¢ lower at St. Paul. Bulls were also uneven but were generally steady to strong. Vealers sold steady to weak at St. Paul and St. Louis.

Slaughter steers: Prime commercially fed steers sold up to \$28.25 in Chicago where at least a dozen loads 1150-1360# sold at \$27.85-28.00. Choice and Prime all weights in Chicago bulked early at \$24.75-27.50, and late at \$25.25-27.75, including 1500-1625# at \$25.25-25.75. Mixed Choice and Prime reached \$26.00-26.50 at other Corn Belt markets, Choice bulking at \$24.00-25.50, Good at \$22.75-24.50.

Slaughter heifers: Load mixed Choice and Prime 1144# \$25.75, highest price for heifers in Chicago since April. Bulk Choice \$23.00-24.50 with numerous loads to \$25.00 in Chicago, and most Good \$22.00-23.50.

Slaughter cows: Utility and Commercial \$14.00-16.50, Canner and Cutter largely \$12.00-14.50.

FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets showed further curtailment as the fall marketing season drew nearer a close. Supplies were

fairly large for late November but were substantially below the numbers marketed several weeks earlier during the height of the marketing season. The decrease in numbers the past couple of weeks was accompanied by a decline in over-all quality. A larger percent of marketings consisted of Good and mixed Good and Choice shipments with a corresponding decrease in the percent of high-Choice and mixed Choice and Fancy grades. Although buyer attendance at some markets was not overly large, outlet was fully ample to absorb supplies at midwest markets and trading was fairly active at steady to strong prices. At Omaha yearling and two-year-old steers were strong to 50¢ higher. Meanwhile, at Wichita and Oklahoma City prices were steady to 50¢ lower.

Feeder steers: Good and Choice 800-1000# bulked at \$22.50-24.50, few loads Choice 800-900# \$24.75-25.50. Relatively few over 1000# went to feeder buyers but Choice fleshy 980# were included at \$24.50. Recent upturns in slaughter cattle prices have tended to encourage increased interest in fleshy feedlot replacements but the market for slaughter cattle was such that 1000-1100# two-way steers usually went for immediate slaughter. Good and Choice 550-750# \$23.00-26.50, several loads 578-636# \$26.75-27.00. Few loads Choice and Fancy 521-537# short yearlings \$28.00-31.00. Medium and mixed Medium and Good 550-750# brought \$19.50-23.50.

Feeder heifers: Good and Choice 525-700# brought \$21.50-24.50 with this class in limited supply at most all markets.

Feeder calves: A few shipments Choice and Fancy 350-450# steers brought \$32.00-34.00, others of Good and Choice grades ranged \$24.00-31.50. Good and Choice heifers bulked \$22.50-28.00, few loads Choice and Fancy \$28.50-30.00, one load 318# \$31.00.

HOGS - Terminal markets - Hog prices not only advanced for the first time in a month at midwest terminals but also made the sharpest upturn in over three months. Decreased receipts for the Thanksgiving shortened week and a higher carlot pork trade were the main bullish factors influencing the live price rise that came largely late in the week. Barrows and gilts finished the period generally 25-75¢ higher than the previous week's close. Along with the broad demand, price spreads on the different weight groups narrowed somewhat. Sows closed steady to 50¢ higher. Mixed grade U. S. No. 1-3, 190-260# barrows and gilts predominated in the run with sows making up 7-13 percent at the various markets. Outlet on shipper accounts was only moderate early but by the end of the week those interests had become quite aggressive at many of the points.

Barrows and gilts: At the close, No. 1-3, 190-240# barrows and gilts brought \$16.50-17.25

at eastern Corn Belt terminals with No. 1-2, 190-230# \$16.90-17.50. No. 1-3, 190-240# \$16.00-16.50 in the western part of the area with No. 1-2 \$16.25-16.75, instances \$17.00 at Omaha.

Sows: U. S. 1-3, 250-400# sows brought \$14.00-15.25, 400-600# \$13.50-14.75.

Feeder pigs sold strong to 50¢ higher at St. Paul but steady to 25¢ lower at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# at St. Paul brought \$15.00-15.50 and at Sioux City \$14.50-15.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 93¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago November 16 to November 22, 1961 inclusive.

Hogs - Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area holiday-shortened receipts at 363,000 head were fully 15 percent short of the previous full week's supply and about equal to the corresponding week last year. Price downturns early in week were more than recovered by upturns on Wednesday and Friday. Closing sales of barrows and gilts were 25-50¢ higher than late in the previous week, sows 10-25¢ higher. Sows made up about 8 percent of receipts.

On Friday, No. 1-3 200-240# barrows and gilts brought \$15.25-16.00 with a moderate volume No. 1 and 2 \$15.75-16.50. No. 1-3 270-400# sows sold at \$13.75-15.25; 400-550# \$12.25-13.85.

Hogs - Interior Illinois - Demand was fairly good throughout the week. Barrows and gilts closed mostly 50¢ higher than previous Friday with most upturn occurring late. Sows ended the period steady to 25¢ higher. On Friday most No. 1 to 3, 190-230# barrows and gilts \$15.75-16.50; eastern areas of State mostly \$16.25-16.50, few 190-220# \$16.50-16.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals numbered 76,000 head, little changed from either the previous week or a year earlier. Good demand and price upturns featured trading at most points as moderate slaughter lamb marketings coupled with sharply higher dressed lamb prices were major factors supporting advances on the live trade. For the week, slaughter lambs were strong to \$1.00 higher, including several points 25¢-50¢ up. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ higher. Feeder lambs were steady to 50¢ higher with the most upturn at Kansas City and St. Paul. Feeders accounted for 12-30 percent of receipts at river markets but comprised 40 percent at Denver.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 82-110# woolled \$16.00-17.75 including many terminals \$16.50-17.50; same grades 86-118# \$17.60-18.00 at Denver. Good and mixed Good and Choice 78-105# \$15.00-16.50. Bulk Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 82-110# shorn with No. 1-2 and fall shorn pelts \$15.50-16.50, few shipments \$16.75-17.00; Good and Choice 77-104# \$15.00-16.00.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice mostly

wooled \$3.00-6.50.

Feeder lambs: Choice and Fancy 67-82# \$14.00-15.50 at most markets and reached \$16.10 at Denver, load Choice and Fancy 66-74# Wyomings to \$16.25 at Omaha. Good and Choice \$11.00-15.00 at most points but 62-88# \$14.50-15.80 at Denver.

Breeding ewes: Good and Choice yearling and two-year-old \$10.00-12.00, two-year-old through solid mouth \$6.00-10.00.

Sheep and lamb receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 24,700 head compared to 18,300 a week ago and 24,000 the corresponding week last year. Despite moderately broad marketings, slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher for the week, ewes were steady.

Slaughter lambs: Bulk Choice including a few Prime 85-110# woolled delivered to packing plants \$16.00-17.00 and limited showing high-yielding \$17.25; Good and low-Choice \$15.00-16.25. Bulk Choice with end of Prime 85-110# shorn No. 1-2 and fall pelts \$15.50-16.25, Good and low-Choice \$14.50-15.75.

Slaughter ewes: Cull to Choice \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers fairly active, firm to 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 higher on steers weighing over 1200#. Considerable contracting into December and January occurred. Feeder cattle and calf sales inadequate for accurate test of trend. Slaughter lambs steady in Utah, sales elsewhere limited.

Slaughter steers: In California and Arizona, bulk loadlots Good to mainly Choice 900-1150# \$23.90-24.50; 4 loads average to high-Choice 1275# \$24.50; Good to mostly Choice 1175-1275# \$23.75-24.15; Good and Choice 900-1175# \$22.40-23.75; 4 loads Good 1175-1300# \$22.50; Standard and Good 900-1100# \$21.50-22.75.

Slaughter heifers: California, 2 loads Choice 850# \$24.00; Good to mostly Choice 750-1050# \$23.00-23.50; 3 loads \$23.75. Arizona, load mostly Choice 825# \$23.50, 4 loads Good and low-Choice 800-850# \$23.00.

Feeders: California and Arizona, 620 Good to Fancy, mostly Choice, 350-400# calves, steers \$26.30-27.50, heifer mates \$24.50-25.00; 60 Choice 500# steers \$25.00; 110 Choice 600-660# steers \$23.00, including one lot for January delivery.

Slaughter lambs: California, 2 loads mostly Choice 105# shorn with No. 1 and fall shorn pelts \$16.50. Utah, 3,300 Choice with end of Prime 95-107# woolled \$16.00-16.25.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Demand very good for slaughter cattle and trading was active. Slaughter steers sold 50-75¢ higher, heifers steady early, but closed 25-75¢ higher.

Slaughter steers: Colorado, 16 loads average and high-Choice, few Prime 1125-1150/ \$26.00; 180 loads Choice 1000-1300/ \$24.50-25.75, late sales mostly \$25.00-25.75 and included 15 loads for delivery up to January 1; 5 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1200/ \$24.25-24.75.

Slaughter heifers: Colorado, 25 loads average and high-Choice 1000-1025/ \$24.75; 185 loads Choice 825-1025/ \$23.75-24.50, late sales mostly \$24.00-24.50; 8 loads high-Good and Choice 925-975/ \$23.25-23.90. Western Nebraska, 19 loads Choice 925-1050/ \$23.75-24.50, late sales \$24.25-24.50.

Feeders: Auctions throughout the area continued to be primary source of feeder cattle. The few direct sales, fully steady. Colorado, 850 Choice calves, 335-390/ heifers \$25.50-27.50, 375-425/ steers \$29.50-30.00. Load Choice and Fancy feeder heifers 652/ \$23.90; 4 loads Good to mostly Choice 525-675/ \$22.00-22.50.

Lambs: Slaughter lambs 25-50¢ higher. Colorado, Choice and Prime 104-106/ woolled \$17.50-17.75; 3 loads Choice and Prime 106/ shorn with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$16.75. Two loads Choice 79-93/ feeders \$16.00.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis Area - Slaughter cattle active, steers 50¢-\$1.00 higher, heifers 25-50¢ higher. Feeder cattle steady. Slaughter lambs and ewes steady, feeders weak.

Slaughter steers: 120 Choice, including a few Prime, 1125/ \$25.00; 1,360 Good to mostly Choice, 1100-1250/ \$24.25-24.50; 1,180 Good and Choice 1075-1180/ \$24.00-24.25; 740 Good, including a few Choice 975-1050/ \$23.50-24.00.

Slaughter heifers: 60 Choice 980/ \$24.90; 560 Good to mostly Choice, 950-1050/ \$24.00; 420 Good with a Choice end 850-973/ \$23.00-23.50; 680 Standard and Good 600-725/ \$23.00-23.50.

Feeders: 735 Good 600-700/ , steers \$21.50-22.50, heifer mates \$21.00; 120 Medium 565-700/ heifers \$17.25-17.75.

Feeder calves: 200 Choice 400/ , steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00.

Stock cows: Total 2,500 Medium and Good 800-970/ \$12.50-15.00.

Slaughter lambs: 1,600 Choice and Prime 100-103/ shorn with No. 1 pelts \$15.50-16.00; 7,100 Choice, few Prime, 90-100/ No. 1 pelt \$14.50-15.00.

Feeder lambs: 4,700 Choice and Fancy 67-85/ No. 1 to fall shorn \$12.00-13.00; 2,100 Choice and Fancy 75/ woolled \$13.50.

Ewes: 1,800 Cull to Good 90-105/ slaughter ewes \$5.00-6.50; 425 Choice yearling breeding ewes \$19.00 per head; 740 Choice

2-4-year-old breeding ewes \$14.00 per head.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle steady to 25¢ higher, feeders firm.

Slaughter steers: 310 Good and Choice 1025-1080/ \$23.75-24.00; 55 Good 925/ \$22.75.

Slaughter heifers: 150 mostly Choice 980-1015/ \$23.75.

Feeders: 200 Good and Choice 600-625/ steers \$23.75; 200 Good and Choice 575-600/ heifers for December-January delivery \$22.75.

Feeder calves: 250 mostly Fancy 500-525/ heifers \$26.00; 300 Good and Choice 400-450/ , steers \$27.00-27.50, heifers \$25.00-25.50.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers steady. Scattered sales feeders steady. Moderate volume slaughter lambs weak to 50¢ lower.

Slaughter steers: Washington, Choice 1050-1100/ \$25.50, Good and Choice 1030-1200/ \$25.00-25.25. Idaho, Choice 1030-1075/ \$25.85 delivered, mostly Choice 1100-1140/ \$24.50-24.85, Good to mostly Choice 1100-1150/ \$24.00. Oregon, Choice 1030-1075/ \$25.75-26.00 delivered, Choice 1250/ \$24.25.

Slaughter heifers: Good and Choice 850-950/ \$22.50-23.00.

Feeders: Washington, Choice 950/ steers \$22.25, Good and Choice 425-475/ calves, steers \$26.00, heifers \$23.00. Oregon, Choice and Fancy 375-400/ calves, steers \$26.00-27.00, heifers \$24.00-25.00. Idaho, Good and Choice 325/ calves, steers \$27.00, heifers \$25.00.

Slaughter lambs: Washington, Choice and Prime high-yielding 104-113/ \$16.00-16.50. Oregon, Choice and Prime 95-105/ with No. 3 to fall shorn pelts \$15.00-16.75. Idaho, mostly Choice 101-113/ woolled \$15.75-16.25.

Breeding ewes: Idaho, Choice 68/ ewe lambs \$15.25.

MONTANA AND NORTHERN WYOMING - Holiday week resulted in very limited trading.

Cattle: Slaughter steers and heifers strong to mostly 50¢ higher, feeder cattle and calves fully steady.

Slaughter steers: Southern Montana and northern Wyoming, few sales totaling 200 Choice 1000-1175/ \$23.50-24.00.

Slaughter heifers: Southern Montana and northern Wyoming, total of 150 mostly Choice 900-950/ \$22.50-23.00.

Stock cows: Northern Montana, around 100 Good and Choice \$225.00 per head. Other sales in Montana totaling around 1,100 mostly Good \$180.00-200.00 per head.

Feeder calves: 500 Choice 375-425/ , steers \$28.00-29.00, heifers \$26.00-27.00.

Sheep: Sales of slaughter lambs limited, few feeders strong to 25¢ higher.

Slaughter lambs: Wyoming, 2 loads Choice 105-110/ \$17.75 delivered Colorado.

Feeder lambs: Northern Wyoming, 1,000 Choice 75-80/ \$14.00. Eastern Montana, 600 Choice 75/ \$14.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	33,662	32,930	436	301	30,435	27,637	5,418	5,586
Cincinnati	2,382	2,523	398	463	7,972	8,552	525	1,446
Denver	7,205	8,427	1,683	1,649	3,335	3,522	12,325	13,261
Fort Worth	4,213	4,310	916	947	1,061	1,226	7,880	4,965
Indianapolis ..	6,102	5,225	473	428	21,183	23,650	2,694	2,564
Kansas City ...	17,734	17,155	1,450	2,062	15,717	12,891	3,479	3,941
Oklahoma City .	6,532	6,461	1,617	2,148	2,928	2,313	537	1,101
Omaha	33,088	38,252	1,886	1,833	43,628	38,683	10,001	10,799
St. Joseph	13,104	14,954	295	707	24,308	23,453	2,338	5,180
St. Louis NSY .	10,478	11,112	1,249	1,519	40,844	43,279	4,851	5,340
Sioux City	32,192	31,810	8,483	9,398	42,366	33,764	9,432	7,863
S. St. Paul ...	17,432	17,364	8,116	9,004	44,837	41,838	16,843	12,473
Total	184,124	190,523	27,002	30,459	278,614	260,808	76,323	74,519
" Nov. 18, '61	209,454		39,099		350,367		78,499	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -			Nov. 25, 1961	Nov. 18, 1961	Nov. 26, 1960
Hogs			363,000	427,000	345,000*
Revised.			24,700	18,300	24,000

FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended		Month		Four months	
	Nov. 23	Nov. 16	Nov. 24	Oct.	Oct.	July-Oct.
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Steers - 1001# up	386	519	523	2,021	2,294	6,514
901-1000	1,360	2,109	1,583	9,740	9,073	31,174
801-900	3,663	4,278	4,114	23,175	22,504	71,002
701-800	5,872	6,328	5,534	49,428	49,404	114,529
501-700	6,884	14,121	9,462	87,051	100,013	219,144
Total steers 10 markets....	18,165	27,355	21,216	171,415	183,288	442,363
Av. wt. " " "	732#	705#	719#	706#	700#	710#
Av. cost* " " "	\$23.39	\$23.46	\$23.30	\$23.28	\$21.95	\$22.89
" " " Chicago	23.24	23.49	21.82	23.13	22.87	22.73
" " " Kansas City...	22.96	23.20	22.97	22.97	21.59	22.74
" " " Omaha	24.24	24.85	24.58	24.57	23.51	24.04
" " " S. St. Paul...	20.33	20.70	20.47	21.40	21.48	20.98
" " " Sioux City....	24.64	24.31	24.61	24.06	23.00	23.71
" " " Denver	24.46	24.29	24.39	23.92	22.75	23.61
" " " Ft. Worth	22.95	21.95	20.14	22.01	19.55	21.98
" " " Oklahoma City.	22.28	23.77	21.72	22.14	19.67	21.88
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.25	23.08	20.94	22.52	20.22	22.42
" " " St. Louis NSY.	22.39	22.36	21.97	21.51	20.05	21.72
Total calves - 10 markets..	25,657	45,963	27,696	154,446	153,828	292,514
" heifers " "	2,764	4,922	3,577	29,540	32,887	82,285
" cows " "	2,921	3,283	3,296	9,341	6,458	18,628

* Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	Omaha	S. St. Joseph	St. Louis NSY	Sioux City	S. St. Paul	Indian- apolis	Den- ver	Ft. Worth	Okla. City	Wich- ita	San Antonio
Feeders													
Nov. 24, 1961	2	40	15	7	10	37	15	15	40	70	66	50	45
Nov. 17, 1961	2	48	18	13	15	32	17	12	45	65	72	55	45
Nov. 25, 1960	2	48	18	14	12	43	10	10	32	60	58	45	55
Slaughter cows													
Nov. 24, 1961	4	10	9	7	12	6	20	14	20	10	13	15	20
Nov. 17, 1961	3	10	10	6	12	7	18	14	23	15	12	19	20
Nov. 25, 1960	5	11	9	9	14	8	20	10	40	25	15	16	20

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	Nov. 23 1961	Nov. 24 1960	Nov. 23 1961	Nov. 24 1960	Nov. 23 1961	Nov. 24 1960	Nov. 23 1961	Nov. 24 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	3,410	5,062	14.8	22.2	1,242	1,233	27.24	27.93
Choice.....	14,590	12,076	63.5	52.9	1,165	1,175	26.02	26.83
Good.....	4,405	5,133	19.2	22.5	1,085	1,103	24.53	25.31
Standard.....	320	460	1.4	2.0	1,023	987	22.62	23.42
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	256	93	1.1	.4	1,132	1,008	20.61	21.20
All grades.....	22,981	22,824			1,159	1,167	25.84	26.69
OMAHA								
Prime.....	354	344	2.4	2.2	1,180	1,220	25.80	26.74
Choice.....	7,537	8,386	51.0	54.4	1,131	1,161	24.79	25.34
Good.....	6,172	6,021	41.7	39.0	1,092	1,118	23.56	23.98
Standard.....	518	575	3.5	3.7	1,099	1,069	21.59	20.88
Utility.....	211	101	1.4	.7	988	1,063	20.23	19.84
All grades.....	14,792	16,427			1,112	1,141	24.15	24.66
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	356	386	2.8	3.5	1,252	1,190	25.76	26.36
Choice.....	7,619	8,027	60.5	72.1	1,167	1,164	24.99	25.45
Good.....	4,079	2,464	32.4	22.1	1,093	1,098	24.16	24.05
Standard.....	354	227	2.8	2.0	1,035	1,081	22.38	21.80
Utility.....	194	30	1.5	.3	1,058	1,145	21.12	20.25
All grades.....	12,602	11,134			1,140	1,148	24.63	25.10
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	15	53	.3	1.1	1,058	1,367	26.02	27.00
Choice.....	1,800	1,230	30.6	24.5	1,125	1,102	24.81	25.22
Good.....	3,005	2,761	51.2	55.0	1,090	1,099	23.78	23.83
Standard.....	809	918	13.8	18.3	1,049	1,037	22.07	20.81
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	244	55	4.1	1.1	1,031	943	19.67	18.68
All grades.....	5,873	5,017			1,093	1,090	23.72	23.64
ST. LOUIS NW								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	658	507	17.2	13.1	1,064	1,090	25.57	25.79
Good.....	2,436	2,555	63.6	66.1	1,049	1,101	24.17	24.36
Standard.....	645	727	16.8	18.8	984	1,010	22.35	21.60
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	94	73	2.4	2.0	985	840	19.90	18.57
All grades.....	3,833	3,862			1,039	1,078	24.03	23.98
ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	48	22	.7	.3	1,141	1,081	26.00	27.25
Choice.....	2,642	2,328	40.0	32.8	1,128	1,138	24.86	25.31
Good.....	3,536	4,081	53.5	57.6	1,090	1,097	23.58	23.64
Standard.....	381	658	5.8	9.3	1,065	1,094	21.22	21.00
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	6,607	7,089			1,104	1,110	23.99	23.97
DENVER								
Prime.....	13	--	1.4	--	1,146	--	25.50	--
Choice.....	816	572	89.5	56.0	1,114	1,139	24.83	25.12
Good.....	83	444	9.1	43.4	1,049	1,150	24.21	24.18
Standard.....	--	6	--	.6	--	781	--	19.50
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	912	1,022			1,108	1,142	24.78	24.68

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A. M. S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 26
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	10,094	10,388	9,819	9,162	38,890	39,335	31,605	35,199
Baltimore, Philadelphia	7,729	7,265	1,702	1,750	27,871	24,444	3,524	2,901
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	16,210	15,911	1,205	4,043	103,909	102,303	6,478	14,255
Chicago Area	13,629	12,077	8,064	4,431	39,823	31,457	5,801	5,826
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	25,317	25,065	19,295	21,116	104,941	85,977	19,513	21,810
St. Louis Area	9,470	9,839	1,303	1,805	71,663	58,137	4,665	4,139
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	27,172	20,772	--	--	107,530	97,037	12,223	12,654
Omaha Area	33,526	34,745	137	185	96,341	73,845	16,897	17,199
Kansas City	12,469	12,661	--	--	40,386	30,643	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	30,504	26,822	8,474	7,513	318,762	268,237	40,076	38,600
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	5,584	5,530	2,638	2,924	43,938	41,847	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	8,244	8,026	2,801	3,606	23,771	25,070	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	16,051	16,027	711	853	49,858	39,540	8,171	8,589
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	8,980	9,378	2,933	3,399	17,529	13,085	22,657	15,388
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	19,865	17,643	133	143	13,423	13,948	29,466	28,335
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	21,193	22,104	514	738	30,580	17,871	21,636	21,706
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,298	6,812	119	261	14,028	13,042	4,682	3,914
Total	273,335		59,848		1,143,243		227,394	
		261,065		61,929		975,818		230,515
Accumulation to date	14,779,793		2,963,595		50,766,773		12,637,072	
		14,435,489		3,292,428		51,620,868		11,568,496

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total	Total
	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	Num-	Prod.	meat	lard
	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	ber	mil.lb.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	1,000	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.
Nov. 25, 1961	330	193.7	90	9.5	1,300	177.8	245	11.3	392.3	--
Nov. 18, 1961	385	221.8	113	12.0	1,450	196.8	240	11.0	441.6	--
Nov. 4, 1961 1/.....	421	--	117	--	1,540	--	315	--	--	45.9
Nov. 26, 1960 1/.....	313	184.9	91	9.8	1,083	154.5	249	11.8	361.0	37.9

Percentage change from:

Nov. 18, 1961	-14	-13	-20	-21	-10	-10	2	3	-11	--
Nov. 26, 1960	5	5	-1	-3	20	15	-2	-4	9	--

Week ended	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		Lard
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	yield
						2/			per
									100 lb.
Nov. 25, 1961	1030	587	190	106	240	137	96	46	--
Nov. 18, 1961	1020	576	190	106	238	136	96	46	--
Nov. 4, 1961	1020	581	195	109	235	135	95	46	--
Nov. 26, 1960	1042	591	193	108	244	143	99	47	14.3

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.	Nov.
	25	26	25	26	25	26	25	26	25	26
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	26.69	28.03	--	--	25.88	27.06	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	27.06	28.16	--	--	26.06	27.00	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	25.84	27.16	25.50	25.69	25.12	25.90	24.83	25.71	25.62	24.75
1100-1300	25.91	26.94	25.12	25.53	25.12	25.81	24.83	25.46	25.50	--
Good 900-1100	24.38	25.53	23.88	23.28	23.62	23.98	23.29	22.62	24.12	23.50
Standard - All wts.	22.38	23.50	21.62	20.44	21.88	21.38	21.00	19.17	21.25	20.75
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	24.53	25.56	24.31	24.66	24.12	24.40	23.58	24.36	23.88	22.38
Good 600-800	--	--	23.00	22.44	22.75	22.62	--	22.00	22.25	21.38
Standard - All wts.	21.19	21.34	20.75	19.69	20.62	20.72	19.50	18.75	19.25	19.00
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	15.88	15.19	16.38	15.75	16.00	16.00	--	--	--	16.00
Utility	14.94	14.56	15.25	14.84	14.94	14.62	15.33	15.07	14.50	14.83
Cutter	13.97	13.94	14.50	13.94	13.75	13.31	14.25	13.25	12.50	12.67
Canner	12.56	12.12	13.19	10.84	12.69	12.06	13.00	11.92	11.25	10.42
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	17.75	18.50	17.50	17.28	17.75	17.87	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.09	18.75	17.75	17.56	17.62	17.94	18.75	19.00	18.50	19.25
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	22.00	20.38	--	--	--	--	25.50	--
Good	--	--	20.75	18.62	--	--	--	--	22.50	22.00
Standard	--	--	18.75	16.34	--	--	--	--	18.50	19.50
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	--	24.50	25.00	22.50	24.00	21.50	--	--	29.00	27.00
Good	--	22.50	22.00	20.25	22.25	19.25	--	--	26.50	25.00
Standard	--	18.50	19.00	17.75	19.75	16.50	--	--	22.50	21.25
<u>Feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.22	26.06	26.00	25.75	26.12	25.59	26.50	25.83	--	22.50
Good 500-800	24.31	23.75	24.50	23.50	24.50	23.72	23.00	24.00	22.50	20.00
Medium 500-1000	22.00	21.12	21.62	20.50	22.00	20.75	20.25	21.25	19.00	18.50
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.62	22.75	24.00	23.25	24.50	22.58	--	20.75
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	19.75	20.75	20.38	20.50	21.25	18.50	17.50
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	--	15.25	16.50	14.50	17.50	16.00	--	--
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.00	27.75	29.00	28.25	29.25	29.00	24.00	24.25
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.25	23.50	26.25	25.00	27.25	26.00	21.00	20.50

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Interior		St. Louis		Omaha		Indianapolis		St. Joseph		Kansas City		Peoria	
	Iowa and		National		Stock Yards											
	:So. Minnesota:															
	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :	Nov. : 25 :	Nov. : 26 :
	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :	1961 :	1960 :
Barrows and gilts -																
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	: 16.91 :	: 18.48 :	-- :	: 16.84 :	: 18.34 :	: 15.66 :	: 17.00 :	: 17.06 :	: 18.56 :	: 15.88 :	: 17.50 :	: 15.94 :	-- :	: 16.34 :	: 18.03 :	
200-220	: 16.91 :	: 18.67 :	: 15.61 :	: 17.40 :	: 16.84 :	: 18.34 :	: 16.03 :	: 17.62 :	: 17.06 :	: 18.56 :	: 16.13 :	: 17.82 :	: 16.08 :	: 17.74 :	: 16.35 :	: 18.12 :
220-240	: 16.66 :	: 18.42 :	: 15.56 :	: 17.36 :	: 16.76 :	: 18.32 :	: 16.03 :	: 17.62 :	: 16.90 :	: 18.56 :	: 16.04 :	: 17.78 :	: 16.08 :	: 17.75 :	: 16.16 :	: 18.09 :
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	: 16.41 :	: 18.22 :	: 15.24 :	: 17.02 :	: 16.54 :	: 18.04 :	: 15.79 :	: 17.28 :	: 16.56 :	: 18.14 :	: 15.78 :	: 17.27 :	: 15.90 :	: 17.49 :	-- :	: 17.84 :
220-240	: 16.31 :	: 18.39 :	: 15.17 :	: 17.02 :	: 16.41 :	: 18.04 :	: 15.73 :	: 17.31 :	: 16.53 :	: 18.08 :	: 15.76 :	: 17.27 :	: 15.83 :	: 17.48 :	-- :	: 17.75 :
240-270	: 16.00 :	: 17.97 :	: 14.92 :	: 16.81 :	: 16.11 :	: 17.77 :	: 15.59 :	: 17.12 :	: 16.27 :	: 17.81 :	: 15.59 :	: 17.13 :	: 15.68 :	: 17.36 :	: 15.46 :	: 17.47 :
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3																
180-200	: 16.66 :	: 18.28 :	: 14.40 :	: 16.39 :	: 16.65 :	: 18.18 :	: 15.59 :	: 16.75 :	: 16.81 :	: 18.31 :	: 15.86 :	: 17.34 :	: 15.95 :	: 17.44 :	: 16.25 :	: 17.84 :
200-220	: 16.66 :	: 18.46 :	: 15.34 :	: 17.13 :	: 16.65 :	: 18.18 :	: 15.81 :	: 17.32 :	: 16.81 :	: 18.35 :	: 15.88 :	: 17.42 :	: 15.96 :	: 17.60 :	: 16.25 :	: 18.09 :
220-240	: 16.47 :	: 18.29 :	: 15.30 :	: 17.12 :	: 16.49 :	: 18.15 :	: 15.79 :	: 17.36 :	: 16.78 :	: 18.32 :	: 15.88 :	: 17.42 :	: 15.90 :	: 17.61 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.93 :
240-270	: 16.09 :	: 17.97 :	: 15.05 :	: 16.92 :	: 16.14 :	: 17.84 :	: 15.69 :	: 17.18 :	: 16.37 :	: 18.01 :	: 15.72 :	: 17.25 :	: 15.78 :	: 17.48 :	: 15.75 :	: 17.59 :
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	: -- :	: 14.50 :	: 15.66 :	: 15.06 :	: 16.12 :	: 14.75 :	: 16.00 :	: 15.12 :	: 16.18 :	: 14.88 :	: 15.97 :	: 14.88 :	: 15.66 :	: 14.54 :	: 15.62 :	
330-400	: 14.12 :	: 15.59 :	: 14.00 :	: 15.04 :	: 14.69 :	: 15.56 :	: 14.47 :	: 15.25 :	: 14.66 :	: 15.38 :	: 14.47 :	: 15.31 :	: 14.34 :	: 15.00 :	: 14.04 :	: 14.88 :
400-550	: 13.41 :	: 14.34 :	: 13.05 :	: 13.91 :	: 13.84 :	: 14.44 :	: 13.91 :	: 14.62 :	: 14.03 :	: 14.56 :	: 13.78 :	: 14.28 :	: 13.78 :	: 14.25 :	: 13.34 :	: 13.75 :
Classification	South		Sioux City		Sioux Falls		Cincinnati		Fort Worth		Thomasville		Baltimore		North	
Barrows and gilts -	St. Paul														Portland	
U. S. No. 1 & 2																
180-200#	: 15.94 :	: 17.62 :	: 15.68 :	: 17.20 :	-- :	: 17.08 :	: 18.46 :	: 16.62 :	-- :	: 16.75 :	: 17.88 :	: 17.75 :	: 19.31 :	: 17.25 :	: 19.67 :	
200-220	: 16.06 :	: 18.00 :	: 15.81 :	: 17.46 :	: 15.71 :	: 17.46 :	: 17.08 :	: 18.63 :	: 16.62 :	-- :	: 16.75 :	: 17.88 :	: 17.75 :	: 19.38 :	: 17.25 :	: 19.67 :
220-240	: 16.06 :	: 18.00 :	: 15.81 :	: 17.43 :	: 15.71 :	: 17.46 :	: 17.04 :	: 18.43 :	: 16.56 :	-- :	: 16.75 :	: 17.88 :	-- :	-- :	: 17.25 :	: 19.25 :
U. S. No. 2 & 3																
200-220	: 15.78 :	: 17.56 :	: 15.42 :	: 17.27 :	: 15.58 :	: 17.16 :	: 16.98 :	: 18.53 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.58 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.38 :	-- :	: 16.75 :	: 19.00 :	
220-240	: 15.66 :	: 17.56 :	: 15.62 :	: 17.25 :	: 15.58 :	: 17.16 :	: 16.98 :	: 18.41 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.58 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.38 :	-- :	: 16.75 :	: 18.75 :	
240-270	: 15.34 :	: 17.25 :	: 15.52 :	: 17.12 :	: 15.34 :	: 16.91 :	: 16.80 :	: 18.03 :	: 16.00 :	: 17.08 :	: 15.62 :	: 16.78 :	-- :	: 16.25 :	: 18.12 :	
U. S. No. 1,2 & 3																
180-200	: 15.78 :	: 17.44 :	: 15.63 :	: 17.17 :	-- :	: 17.04 :	: 18.41 :	: 16.25 :	: 17.08 :	: 16.25 :	: 17.44 :	: 17.50 :	: 19.00 :	-- :	-- :	
200-220	: 15.78 :	: 17.56 :	: 15.66 :	: 17.36 :	: 15.60 :	: 17.30 :	: 17.04 :	: 18.53 :	: 16.08 :	: 17.67 :	: 16.25 :	: 17.44 :	: 17.62 :	: 19.33 :	-- :	
220-240	: 15.66 :	: 17.56 :	: 15.72 :	: 17.36 :	: 15.60 :	: 17.30 :	: 17.04 :	: 18.41 :	: 16.12 :	: 17.42 :	: 16.25 :	: 17.44 :	: 17.38 :	: 19.31 :	-- :	
240-270	: 15.34 :	: 17.22 :	: 15.62 :	: 17.23 :	: 15.46 :	: 17.11 :	-- :	: 15.96 :	: 17.21 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	
Sows - U.S.1,2 & 3																
270-330	: 14.75 :	: 15.81 :	: 14.38 :	: 15.84 :	-- :	: 15.66 :	: 14.88 :	: 15.65 :	: 14.58 :	: 15.88 :	: 13.25 :	: 13.62 :	-- :	: 15.75 :	: 15.38 :	: 15.75 :
330-400	: 14.19 :	: 15.22 :	: 14.06 :	: 15.19 :	: 14.28 :	: 15.03 :	: 14.44 :	: 14.90 :	: 14.58 :	: 15.50 :	: 12.75 :	: 13.12 :	-- :	: 15.00 :	: 14.50 :	: 14.25 :
400-550	: 13.78 :	: 14.19 :	: 13.44 :	: 14.28 :	: 13.68 :	: 14.38 :	: 13.47 :	: 14.28 :	: 14.33 :	: 15.03 :	: 12.25 :	: 12.38 :	-- :	: 14.00 :	: 13.25 :	: 13.25 :
Feeder pigs - All wts.																
Good and Choice	: 14.94 :	: 16.75 :	: 15.00 :	: 16.09 :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :	-- :

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		St. Louis	Kansas	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Eight mkt. combined
		Chicago	Nat'l. City						
		Yards							
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds							
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 25, 1961	16.32	16.34	15.76	15.61	15.53	15.73	15.51	16.67
	Nov. 18, 1961	16.27	16.27	15.84	15.89	15.70	15.91	15.50	16.52
	Nov. 26, 1960	18.05	18.06	17.44	17.24	17.14	17.29	17.44	18.21
Sows	Nov. 25, 1961	13.50	13.93	13.89	13.94	13.69	14.02	13.62	14.04
	Nov. 18, 1961	13.37	14.19	14.19	14.01	13.93	14.34	13.67	14.08
	Nov. 26, 1960	14.41	14.90	14.52	14.77	14.38	14.63	14.66	14.59
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds							
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 25, 1961	225	221	229	232	235	226	230	227
	Nov. 18, 1961	225*	223	229	231	232	227	230	225
	Nov. 26, 1960	232	223	234	239	240	234	233	229
Sows	Nov. 25, 1961	443	431	423	434	424	412	428	455
	Nov. 18, 1961	437	413	417	435	430	394	416	456
	Nov. 26, 1960	449	398	426	433	437	412	408	467
NUMBER OF HEAD -									
Barrows and gilts	Nov. 25, 1961	24007	37460	14244	36299	36547	21503	30035	16954
	Nov. 18, 1961	34968	48333	14980	44233	46337	23893	37452	26315
	Nov. 26, 1960	21686	39382	11497	32663	29295	20576	30442	19580
Sows	Nov. 25, 1961	2521	3088	1129	5197	3716	1950	3513	2437
	Nov. 18, 1961	2796	3499	1275	4928	4133	1825	4738	3611
	Nov. 26, 1960	2135	3719	1048	4145	3082	1789	4494	2852
SOWS -		Percentage of total							
Nov. 25, 1961		10	8	7	13	9	8	10	13
Nov. 18, 1961		7	7	8	10	8	7	11	12
Nov. 26, 1960		9	9	8	11	10	8	13	13

^{1/} Weighted average. *Revised.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
Nov. 25, 1961	\$18.11	\$16.66	\$1.45
Nov. 18, 1961	17.96	16.41	1.55
Nov. 26, 1960	20.24	18.46	1.78

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/}	Corn ^{2/}	Hog-corn price ratio
	Dollars per 100 pounds	No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	based on barrows and gilts
Nov. 25, 1961	16.32	111.3	14.7
Nov. 18, 1961	16.27	110.3	14.8
Nov. 26, 1960	18.05	91.9	19.6

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port- land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Wooled) - 110# down								
Prime	Nov. 25, 1961	17.12	17.31	16.62	--	17.80	16.25	15.42
	Nov. 26, 1960	17.88	--	16.88	--	--	16.75	--
Choice	Nov. 25, 1961	16.59	16.38	16.16	15.75	17.00	15.62	15.29
	Nov. 26, 1960	17.38	17.00	16.38	16.75	17.33	16.00	16.33
Good	Nov. 25, 1961	15.12	15.00	15.38	15.00	15.80	14.50	14.50
	Nov. 26, 1960	15.68	15.68	15.50	16.25	16.00	15.12	15.50
EWES: (Wooled) - All wts.								
Good &	Nov. 25, 1961	5.00	5.38	4.28	6.00*	6.48*	5.25*	4.50
Choice	Nov. 26, 1960	5.12	4.25	4.62*	--	5.46*	5.38	4.88
Cull &	Nov. 25, 1961	4.88	5.12	3.88	5.25*	5.50*	4.25*	4.00
Utility	Nov. 26, 1960	4.75	4.40	3.75*	5.38*	4.50*	4.00	3.75
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good &	Nov. 25, 1961	--	14.00	--	11.75	15.50	13.75	12.75
Choice	Nov. 26, 1960	--	16.00	--	15.25	16.95	15.00	14.54

*Shorn basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
October 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
N. Atlantic States	137	122	148	116	586	484	199	191
S. Atlantic States	61	50	47	43	319	285	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern	276	292	140	170	1,248	1,188	68	105
N. C. States - N. Western ...	631	554	67	66	2,640	2,246	447	434
N. C. States - S. Western ...	171	171	15	22	617	483	93	75
S. Central States	216	208	70	73	546	433	169	141
Mountain States	138	130	2	2	105	92	252	218
Pacific States	188	220	23	24	163	196	185	189
Total	1,817	1,746	511	516	6,223	5,407	1,412	1,353

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): October 1961, horses 6,777; goats 11,376; October 1960, horses 5,241; goats 7,201.

1/ Data not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass beef was 50¢-\$1.00 higher at most markets. Cow beef steady to \$1.00 up. Veal prices were uneven, at Philadelphia \$4.00 higher, Washington steady to \$1.00 lower, and other centers steady to \$1.00 higher. Lamb was steady to \$1.50 up, the upturn made at New York late in the week; pork loins steady to \$2.00 lower; however, at New York \$1.00-2.50 higher. Spareribs and Boston butts held steady, fresh skinned hams strong to \$1.00 higher.

Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters were 50¢ higher; lamb, veal and calf steady.

Despite a rather slow trade for red meats, clearance was good as supplies were below normal. Chain buyers in particular were less active than usual for carcasses in volume lots. Retailers, however, showed preference for steer forequarters and most lamb cuts. Pork products and mainly hams and loins moved readily along the Eastern Seaboard with buyer activity good late in the week.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold 50¢-\$1.50 higher, veal steady to \$1.00 lower, lamb fully 50¢ higher, pork loins 8-16# \$2.00-2.50 higher, Boston butts 4-8# and spareribs 3# and down steady.

Fresh meat offerings were below normal but fully adequate. Beef was largely Choice quality, lamb mainly 55# and down but heavier weights were becoming more plentiful. Pork loins were mainly 12-16#.

Carcass beef advanced despite a slow trade. Current demand was good for ribs but chucks, rounds and loins slow. However, demand was fair for all primal cuts to be delivered early next week, chucks and rounds following higher trend. Veal slow, but clearance fairly good. Lamb moderately active, with a well balanced movement of cuts in a fair trade with hotel ribs most improved. Fresh pork trade slow.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer and heifer beef, despite the effect of Thanksgiving, steady to \$1.00 higher in the Pacific Northwest, mostly steady in San Francisco and firm to

50¢ higher in Southern California. Cow and bull beef about steady in a slow trade. Calf and veal sold steady to \$1.00 higher in the Portland-Seattle area, mostly steady in California. Lamb held steady over the entire area. Fresh pork was weak to \$1.00 lower in Los Angeles, around steady in the San Francisco Bay area but steady to occasionally \$1.00 higher in the Pacific Northwest. Cured pork largely steady in Southern California, steady to \$3.00 lower elsewhere except in San Francisco where hams were \$3.00 higher.

Carcass steer and heifer trade was generally fair as slaughter operations adjusted downward to fit seasonal demand. Liberal offerings of cow beef met a continued narrow demand in Southern California, otherwise fair. A moderate volume of lamb was fairly active throughout. Supply was about in line with demand for veal and calf. The pork trade was slow with the best outlet for smoked hams.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEW

CHICAGO, DENVER, OMAHA, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA - Below normal supplies in the holiday-shortened week, coupled with reduced inventories at the major eastern wholesale outlets produced the highest prices on steer and heifer beef since last April.

The week's trend on steer beef was 50¢-\$1.50 higher with the greatest advance on Choice 700-800# carcasses. Heifer beef was 50¢-\$1.75, mostly 75¢-\$1.50 higher, cow beef steady to 50¢ higher. Demand was good and clearance complete on all classes.

Normal supplies of lamb met with a broad demand and prices advanced \$1.00-2.00 with a flat \$2.00 advance recorded at Omaha. Clearance complete.

Pork supplies were normal and demand moderate for both carcasses and wholesale cuts. Pork loins sold \$2.00-3.00 higher, butts steady to \$1.00 lower, fresh hams at Omaha 50¢-\$1.00 higher, pork carcasses 25¢ lower at New York.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		Nov.25	Nov.26	Nov.25	Nov.26	Nov.25	Nov.26	Nov.25	Nov.26
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	43.50	43.50	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	43.00	44.00	41.50	43.17	40.25	39.00	39.42	38.67
	700-800	42.50	43.25	40.75	41.67	38.75	37.25	38.00	37.17
Good	500-600	41.50	41.00	40.25	41.08	39.50	38.50	38.50	37.33
	600-700	42.00	41.75	40.25	41.08	38.50	36.50	38.00	36.33
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	40.25	41.08	39.25	38.50	39.58	38.08
	600-700	--	--	40.25	41.08	39.00	37.00	38.67	37.33
Good	500-600	--	--	39.00	39.42	38.00	--	--	36.33
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	58.00	54.00	52.00	50.50	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	48.00	47.50	47.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	47.00	39.50	43.00	40.50	51.50	47.00	--	--
Lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	39.62	41.00	38.17	39.33	37.50	39.50	38.92	39.00
Choice	45-55	39.62	40.75	38.17	39.33	37.50	39.50	38.92	39.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	46.31	50.12	42.08	47.33	48.50	53.50	45.00	47.68
Butts	4-8	35.50	38.00	31.75	36.25	39.50	43.00	36.67	41.50
Spareribs	3# down	38.50	42.00	33.50	38.00	41.00	45.50	36.00	40.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#		48.50	49.00	49.50	52.75	51.50	51.50	46.50	51.00
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		52.00	49.00	48.50	50.50	51.50	53.50	52.00	52.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#		31.50	32.00	33.00	33.50	34.00	32.50	34.50	33.00
Lard, 1# carton		14.00	16.50	14.25	15.25	17.50	17.00	17.00	16.25

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED NOV. 24, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	40.00-40.50	38.25-39.50	39.25-39.75	41.50-42.25	41.50-42.00
	700-800	39.50-40.00	38.25-39.25	39.25	41.00-42.00	41.50-42.00
	800-900	39.00-39.50	38.00-38.50	38.75	41.00	40.50-41.00
Good	500-600	38.00-39.00	--	--	39.50-41.00	--
	600-700	38.00-39.00	38.50-39.00	38.25-38.75	39.50-41.00	40.50-41.00
	700-800	37.50-38.50	38.50	37.50-38.25	39.50-41.00	40.50-41.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	38.50-39.25	37.50-39.00	37.75-38.50	--	40.50-41.00
	600-700	38.50-39.25	37.50-37.75	37.50-38.50	--	40.00-41.00
Good	500-600	37.50-38.00	--	36.75	--	--
	600-700	37.50-38.00	--	36.75	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		28.50	27.25-28.50	27.75	--	28.50-30.50
Canner and Cutter		28.00	--	27.00-27.25	--	28.50-28.75
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	36.50-37.00	--	--	38.00-39.00	38.50-39.00
	45-55	36.50-37.00	--	--	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	36.50-37.00	--	--	37.50-38.50	37.50-38.00
Choice	35-45	36.50-37.00	35.00-35.50	35.25-35.75	38.00-39.00	38.50-39.00
	45-55	36.50-37.00	35.00-35.50	35.25-35.75	38.00-39.00	38.00-39.00
	55-65	36.50-37.00	33.50-35.50	--	37.50-38.50	37.50-38.00
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	41.00-41.50	--	40.00-41.00	--	44.00-44.50

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Prices were steady on all domestic wools. Trading on greasy domestic worsted wools was very slow in the Boston wool market. Trading in the domestic wool producing areas continued very slow.

Pulled wools were in fair demand with supplies moderate and prices steady. Domestic noils were very slow and limited sales strong.

Foreign wools were firm and there was good activity at all primary markets. Cables from Australia indicate the market at Fremantle was strong with most support from Eastern Europe and the Continent. Brisbane sold firm under general competition by the Continent, Eastern Europe and Bradford while Eastern Europe dominated at Melbourne and prices were strong. At Napier, New Zealand, quotations were firm. Japan was less active than in recent weeks in all areas. South African wools sold firm with most long wools 2¢ higher. Reports from South America showed price trends strong.

Fleece Wools - Sales were very limited and steady. About a car of half-blood fleeces moved at \$1.14-1.15.

Territory Wools - Sales volume was very meager with most spot activity on small lots at steady prices.

Texas Wools - No sales of Texas wools were reported this week.

Mohair - Local business was extremely limited.

Foreign Wools - Turnover of foreign wools was slow locally. Quotations were firm and in the sellers' favor in all foreign markets. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

South Africa	
<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Scoured yields</u>
7 - \$1.04	17 - \$1.01
8 - 1.03	22 - 1.00
47 - 1.03	27 - .98
48 - 1.01	32 - .94
52 - 1.01	33 - .91
53 - 1.00	37 - .89

Australia		New Zealand	
<u>Oil-combed</u>		<u>Oil-combed</u>	
61 - \$1.11	79 - \$1.04	86 - \$.86	
62 - 1.09	422 - 1.00	93 - .83	
63 - 1.06	423 - .95	834 - .82	
77 - 1.09	424 - .92	107 - .76	
78 - 1.06	425 - .89	128 - .73	

MONTEVIDEO SUPER SKIRTED WOOLS - 60/64s - 98¢, 60s - 95¢, 60/58s - 93¢, 58/56s - 89¢, 56/50s - 86¢.

Carpet Wools - The carpet wool trade was generally slow with only occasional small lots sold. New Zealand quotations showed prices very firm and rising with type 128 around 78¢, early shorn wool at 74¢ and crutchings around 67-68¢. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clips were priced around 73¢, March wools around 69¢ and lambs wools around 72¢. Yellow India wools were offered in volume around 67¢, all above clean fibers present for shipment.

Woolen Wools - Trade in the local market was slow. A fair volume of greasy fall wool sold in Texas for scouring purposes at 44-49¢, but mostly 45-46¢ grease basis, f.o.b. Spot scoured defective fall wool brought around 97¢ while a short 12 months moved around \$1.24. Better length scoured 12 months sold from \$1.25-1.30, delivered East.

Noils continued slow to move but with a little interest in forward shipment for import. A New Zealand 50s cross-bred noble noil sold at 72¢ and Buenos Aires 44s nobles around 61¢.

Wool Tops - Trade in wool tops was limited with turnover mostly for orders previously committed. There were occasional sales of oil-combed 54s fleece tops around \$1.44-1.45. Quotes follow:

	<u>Warp Aust. D/C</u>	<u>Warp Dom. D/C</u>
70s -	\$1.91 N	\$1.85
64s -	1.88 N	1.78
62s -	1.81 N	1.70
60s -	1.73 N	1.63
58/60s -	1.66 N	1.53

	<u>Oil-combed</u>	<u>Territory</u>	<u>Fleece</u>
58/60s -	\$1.64N	\$1.51	--
56s -	--	1.50	\$1.48
50/56s -	--	1.48	1.46
48/50s -	--	--	--

(N - Nominal)

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - Nov. 22, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

December wool tops - \$1.613 (Bid)
March wool tops - 1.598 (Bid)
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length
December wool - \$1.216 (Traded)
March wool - 1.206 (Traded)
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP
OCTOBER 1961

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during October 1961 totaled 1.3 million head, slightly below the number shipped in during October last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 390 thousand moved through public stockyards and 910 thousand were received direct. The direct movement was 70 percent of the total this October compared with 72 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during July-October 1961 totaled 2.7 million head, about the same as the July-October 1960 total.

October shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to 557 thousand head, compared with 616 thousand head during October last year--a decrease of 9 percent. Of the total received during October, 148 thousand came through public markets and 409 thousand were received direct. A total of 1.7 million head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these 8 States during July-October 1961, down 13 percent from the total for July-October 1960.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
October 1960 and 1961 1/

Cattle and Calves								
State	Public stock yards		Direct		Total			
	October		October		October		July - October	
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Ohio	12,729	16,325	16,695	12,240	29,424	28,565	62,687	54,539
Ind.	21,120	18,316	54,970	40,944	76,090	59,260	207,598	133,822
Ill.	66,807	64,346	229,238	175,852	296,045	240,198	582,073	474,147
Mich.	9,177	7,469	16,534	12,143	25,711	19,612	49,615	36,106
Minn.	40,595	39,256	114,103	118,163	154,698	157,419	316,434	292,510
Iowa	148,766	162,960	381,809	368,345	530,575	531,305	1,051,371	1,127,309
S.Dak.	13,959	17,105	18,727	21,055	32,686	38,160	75,965	106,237
Nebr.	51,574	64,541	121,748	161,423	173,322	225,964	392,356	509,562
Total 8 States	364,727	390,318	953,824	910,165	1,318,551	1,300,483	2,738,099	2,734,232
Sheep and Lambs								
Ohio	3,016	7,855	17,037	14,764	20,053	22,619	50,708	68,941
Ind.	8,669	1,936	13,328	16,778	21,997	18,714	53,298	51,076
Ill.	12,015	7,746	26,401	35,623	38,416	43,369	199,226	247,908
Mich.	2,131	1,912	4,961	7,839	7,092	9,751	17,513	19,029
Minn.	44,965	38,092	32,732	53,330	77,697	91,422	238,898	240,196
Iowa	65,488	36,722	147,738	137,100	213,226	173,822	783,275	673,259
S.Dak.	10,032	14,032	15,041	15,509	25,073	29,541	108,053	99,053
Nebr.	38,685	39,945	173,376	127,994	212,061	167,939	550,775	346,778
Total 8 States	185,001	148,240	430,614	408,937	615,615	557,177	2,001,746	1,746,240

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest enroute.

See page 912 for revisions on July, August and September reports.

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Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States,
July, August and September 1961

State	July		August		September	
	Public	Total	Public	Total	Public	Total
	: Stockyards:		: Stockyards:		: Stockyards:	
	<u>Cattle</u>					
Ohio	4,386	5,580	7,244	9,110	7,920	11,284
South Dakota	5,438	16,166	10,386	22,767	10,850	29,144
Total 8 States:	112,598	248,668	188,464	465,237	250,235	719,844
	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>					
Ohio	1,342	5,536	4,319	16,969	6,350	23,817
South Dakota	12,342	20,375	9,428	16,377	17,866	32,760
Total 8 States:	59,356	192,157	60,825	367,011	131,103	629,895

These corrections should be made in the reports issued August 25, September 25, and October 24.